

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2004, Applicants elect Group III (claim 19) drawn to a metal working fluid, and further submit dependent claims thereon. No new matter has been introduced with the amendments. Claims 1-18 and 20 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention is free of the cited art (EP 0688854). Specifically, EP 0688854 neither teaches or fairly suggests a metal working fluid as this reference discusses a refrigerating oil in a refrigeration system.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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